1	2	3
Employee productivity traffic units per employee (1996-2001)*	1,155	467
Ratio of passenger tariffs to freight tariffs (1996-2001)*	1.19	0.31
Ports		
Container traffic TEU thousands (2001)	55,717.5~	3243.0
Air		
Aircraft departures thousands (2002)	932	242
Passengers carried thousands (2002)	83,672	18,225
Air freight millions ton-km (2002)	5.014	550

^ Data from the *International telecommunications Union's (ITU) World Telecommunications Report, 2003.*

* Data are for the latest year available in the period shown.

~ Includes Hong Kong, China.

Source: World Development Indicators, 2004 World Bank.

Bonded labourers

*587. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that still a large number of people are engaged as bounded labourers in various sectors in the country;

(b) whether any data on bonded labourers is available with Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the number of bonded labourers saved by Government during the last three years; and

(e) the efforts taken by Government to abolish the bonded labour system?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRA SHEKHAR RAO): (a) to (e) Bonded Labour System has been abolished by law throughout the country under the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. However, incidence of Bonded Labour is reported by the State Governments from time to time and efforts by the State Government concerned are made to release and rehabilitate them as soon as possible. As such, numbers of people engaged as bonded labour

in any sector or occupation in the country, at any point of time are not maintained. Since the enactment of the Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976, 2,66,283 bonded labourers have been rehabilitated.

The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme since May, 1978 under which an amount of Rs. 20,000/- is provided to each released bonded labour for his/her rehabilitation to be shared by the Central and State Government concerned on 50:50 basis. In case of north-eastern States, entire amount of Rs. 20,000/- is provided by the Central Government. In addition, for survey of bonded labour, an amount of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per district (once in three years), Rs. 10.00 lakhs per annum for awareness generation and Rs. 5.00 lakhs per annum for evaluatory studies provided by the Central Government to the States/UTs.

The number of bonded labourers released and rehabilitated and Central assistance provided to States for rehabilitation, awareness, survey and evaluatory studies under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme during last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Number of Bonded Labourers released, rehabilitated and Central assistance provided to the States for rehabilitation, awareness, survey of bonded labourers and evaluatory studies under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme during the last three years State-wise

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	State	No of Bonded Labour freed and rehabilitated	Central assistance provided to State Governments for				
			Rehabilitation	Awareness	Survey of bonded labour	Evaluatory studies	Total
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2002-03	Maharashtra	5	0 50	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.50
	Punjab	69	6 90	Nil	Nil	Nil	6 90
	Karnataka	1854	185 40	Nil	Nil	Nil	185 40
	Chattisgarh	124	12 40	Nil	32.00	Nil	44 40
	Haryana	21	0 11	Nil	Nil	Nil	0 11
	Bihar	125	12 50	7.00	Nil	5.00	24 50
	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	10 00	10.00	5.00	25.00
	Jharkhand	-	-	10 00	Nil	Nil	10 00
	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	Nil	8 00	Nil	8.00
	Uttaranchal	-	-	10 00	16.00	Nil	26.00
2003-04	Bihar	314	31 40	Nil	Nil	Nil	31 40
	Uttaranchal	5	0 50	Nil	Nil	Nil	0.50
	Uttar Pradesh	398	39 80	Nil	Nil	Nil	39.80
	Andhra Pradesh	1699	169 90	Nil	Nil	Nil	169 90
	Orissa	39	3 31	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.31
	Rajasthan	10	1 00	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.00

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Maharashtra	-	-	Nil	24.00	Nil	24.00
2004-05	Madhya Pradesh	265	16 91	Nil	Nil		16.91
	Bihar	281	28.10	Nil	Nil	Nil	28.10
	Orissa	19	1 90	Nil	Nil	Nil	1.90
	Uttar Pradesh	41	4 05	Nil	Nil	Nil	4.05
	Karnataka	64	6.40	Nil	Nil	Nil	6.40
	Delhi	-	-	Nil	18 00	Nil	18.00
	Manipur	-	-	5.00	Nil	Nil	5.00

Communication facilities in Orissa

*590. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to speed up communication facilities in the villages;

(b) if so, the details of their action plan and the time-frame within which all the villages in the country would be covered under this scheme; and

(c) what is the status of Orissa State in development of communication facilities?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has already provided Village Public Telephones (VPTs) in 40,753 villages in the state of Orissa upto 31.10.2005. Further, BSNL has signed an agreement with the office of the Universal Service Obligation (USO) Fund for providing VPTs in 66,822 undisputed, undisturbed, accessible & inhabited villages having population more than 100 per Census 1991 in the country; including 4,889 villages of the state of Orissa. These VPTs are likely to be provided progressively by November, 2007.

(c) The status of development of communication facilities in the state of Orissa is given in the Statement.